

I am outraged that an institution which uses publicly licensed airwaves and is managed by an government entity with my tax dollars is being allowed to air programming that is blatantly intended to affect the Presidential election. If this type of thing continues, the people with the money who own the corporations will control our democracy and it will no longer BE a democracy.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.